

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>IN RE APPLICATION OF:</b> <b>Jeffery K. Daniel</b>  SERIAL NO. 10/756,898  FILED: January 14, 2004  Title: Internal Mechanical Wet Clutch for Agricultural Drive Systems	<b>ATTY DKT NO.</b> 123018.0008.000   <b>GROUP ART UNIT:</b> 3681   <b>Examiner:</b> Bonck, Rodney H.
<b>TO: Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>	

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 8, 2008**

**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2008, Applicant provides the following  
Remarks:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, 16-24 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Hoff ('994) in view of Hendrickson ('641). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on the grounds that the particular arrangement of components as recited in Applicant's claims, and in particular, the location of the clutch mechanism, is not taught or suggested in the combination of the cited references.

Hoff illustrates a hand held cultivating device. The Examiner relies on Hoff has teaching with a power input shaft 27, a power output shaft 46, an enclosure 20+53, and a right angle gear mechanism 35+30. The Examiner states that a clutch mechanism is present and disposed between the right angle gear mechanism and the power output shaft, but the Examiner fails to provide any indication or reference numeral for such component. The Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify the presence of this element in Hoff.